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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH CHONA'S ASST AMB KASANDA RE CONTINUA-
TION OF DISCUSSIONS WITH NKOMO

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1. WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA OUT OF CITY ATTENDING A FUNERAL, AND CHONA ABSENT, I DISCUSSED MATTERS CONTAINED REFTELS (A) AND (B) WITH PETER KASANDA, CHONA'S EVER PRESENT ASSISTANT. I ASKED HIM TO INFORM CHONA AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT LATER TODAY OF THE SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH VORSTER AND HIS CONSULTATIONS WITH THE UK. I THEN MENTIONED OUR DESIRE TO CONTINUE OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH NKOMO AND THE NEED TO CONTACT HIM. KASANDA IMMEDIATELY RESPONDED, " WHERE IS HE? WE DON'T HAVE ANY IDEA." KASANDA SAID THE ONLY WAY OF KEEPING TRACK OF HIS TRAVEL WAS BY MEANS OF THE PRESS CONFERENCES HE HELD. THE LAST THE ZAMBIANS HAD HEARD HE WAS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. KASANDA ASKED WHETHER HE COULD BE IN SAUDI ARABIA.

2. WE ARE INFORMING MOYO OF OUR URGENT DESIRE TO CONTACT NKOMO. IF HE HEARS HE WILL LET US KNOW, BUT AT THE MOMENT HE HAS NO CLUE.

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3. SUGGEST IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO YOU MAY WISH TO QUERY JIDDA AND NAIROBI.

4. FINALLY, I INFORMED KASANDA THAT DCM CLINGERMAN WOULD BE DISCUSSING THE MATTER OF ZAMBIAN SUPPORT FOR THE NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION AT THE UN WITH THE FOREIGN OFFICE. I SAID I WANTED HIM TO KNOW THAT THIS WAS A MATTER OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO US WHICH ROGERS AND SCHAUFLELE HAD BEEN REQUESTED TO BRING UP WITH THE PRESIDENT HAD THE INSTRUCTION ARRIVED IN TIME FOR THEIR MEETING. THE DETAILS OF THE PRESENTATION, HOWEVER, I LEFT FOR CLINGERMAN AND THE FOREIGN OFFICE.
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